

22 November 1963

1. At 1600 hours Paul Miller called General Wehle and informed him of the following information:

- a. Pres. would arrive Andrews at 1800 hours.
- b. He will be choppered from there to the Navy Medical Center for autopsy.
- c. Should call Mr. Metzler to make arrangements with the Gawler Funeral Home to have ambulance come out and pick up the President's body. He will probably get to Gawler's late tonight, for body preparation.
- d. Following which he will go to the White House for repose. Guards will be there and at funeral home. The body will be guarded at all times.
- e. He will lie in repose tomorrow, and the White House will send out the invitations.
- f. At 1000 hours a private religious service will be held. The Honor Guard will be so informed. Services will be held in the White House.
- g. Sunday, unless a problem arises, he will Lie in State at the Rotunda.
- h. Requiem Mass may possibly be held at either in Washington or Boston - or both. If Washington, St. Mathews.
- i. Discussed the body bearer details and the Joint detail. Colonel Miller suggested starting with Army for the detail, but to include other services as soon as possible.

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2. At 1610 hours, General Wehle called Mr. Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery and informed him to contact Gawler Funeral Home and make arrangements as prescribed.

3. At 1618 hours, General Wehle phone First U. S. Army at Governors Island and talked with the Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Snyder, informing him of the plans. General Snyder advised that they had set up an Emergency Operation Center with people on duty all the time, Phone: 3209, Governors Island. General Wehle, in turn, gave him our Command Post Phone numbers. Given to CP

4. 1620 hours, Sgt. Ross, General Taylor's Office, was told to call CG, MDW Office and inquire where he could obtain an MDW Publication entitled "State Funeral". Maj. Rutherford referred him to Gen. Mock's Office.

5. At 1620 hours, General Wehle spoke with Col. Rowlin, Deputy to General Woods, CG, Andrews.

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6. At 1625, General Wehle spoke with Admiral Frost, Commandant, PRNC. Remains arrival, chopper, and joint detail, etc.

7. At 1630, Major Rutherford informed CG that he had just received a call from Captain Colonel Connell, General Clifton's Office at the White House to the effect that he had received a call from General Clifton, who was aboard the aircraft, directing that no DOD personnel meet the aircraft at Andrews to include the Chief of Staff. He stated that General Wehle had a specific responsibility and that he should make a decision with regards to his presence at Andrews for the arrival of the remains.

8. 1634 hours: General Wehle spoke with Colonel Lemon, Chief of Staff to General Brooke Allen, HQ, Cmd, USAF. Subject: Arrival of remains, chopper, joint detail, etc.

9. 1636 hours, Lt. Colonel Price, SGS, DA Office, returned General Wehle's call

10. At 1700 General Wehle spoke with Colonel McGovern, SGS, Army, and asked if McGovern had anything new for him from the White House. Reply was "No, just had the time of arrival which you already know, and no one is supposed to go out but yourself or your representative. Possibly Sec. McNamara and General Taylor might be out there. General Hester (?) is going to have his security policy check with MDW security police, but that CG, MDW, has responsibility for security." General Wehle stated that he was going to Andrews by chopper. MDW will be on guard of the remains throughout. (NOTE: While waiting for McGovern to come on the phone, General Mock came on the line. General Wehle asked him (Mock) if he had anything for him, and he replied he did not and that all he was doing was handling outside calls. Colonel McGovern came on almost immediately.

11: At 1710 Paul Miller called CG and informed:

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a. No change on tonight. Chopper is being/on by White House Executive Flight Detachment for trip to Andrews.

b. Gawler's has confirmed their instructions. They will receive the body following the autopsy, which is estimated to take approximately one hour. Gawler's is on Wisconsin Avenue.

c. General Wehle informed Miller here that he had seen on TV where they announced that the body would lie in state tomorrow, and asked whether or not the public would be allowed to view. The answer was no, and Miller took action to "kill" this erroneous information.

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d. Paul Miller advised that the Secretary Chief of Protocol at the White House informed him that a group of White House people might be out to Andrews for the arrival of the remains. General Wehle informed that McNamara and Taylor might also be there, according to his information.

e. Following is proposed schedule as of 1710, 22 November:

Repose on Saturday, 23 November - 1000-1100 for family only. Type of service unknown.

1100-1400 - Repose - By invitation Presidential Staff and Executive Branch

1400 - Repose - Supreme Court

1430 - 1700 - Repose - Senate and the House

1700 - ? - Repose - Chief Diplomatic Missions and Services

SUNDAY:

Lying in State: (Lying in State for 24 hours)

1300 hours - Movement from White House to Capitol, probably 1300 hours for Lying in State for 24 hours until Monday, 25 November, 1300 hours.

Arrival at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University, at 1400 hours. Services: Pontifical Requiem Mass.

f. White House requested that General Wehle be responsible for contacting Admiral Galloway, Commanding Admiral, Naval Medical Center, re: request to lay on security cordon around the heliport. The lights in this area would be turned on just before time for the chopper. General Wehle instructed Major Rutherford to take care of this detail.

g. Paul Miller reiterated that the family desired a Guard of Honor on the remains at all time. General Wehle assured him this was taken care of.

h. General Wehle instructed Major Rutherford to contact the Metropolitan Police Department.

12. General Wehle departed this headquarters at 1715 hours enroute to Andrews AF Base.

13. At 1715 Paul Miller called and advised that he "trusted TAGO, DA was in operation", and that the State Department is going to notify the Governors and Diplomatic Corps.

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14. At 1730 hours, Major Rutherford notified Admiral Galloway's office, advising them to provide a security cordon around the heliport at the Bethesda Naval Center, expecting arrival of the remains at approximately 1830 hours, and to turn the lights on just prior to the arrival of the remains.

15. At 1740 hours, Colonel McGovern called and talked with Major Rutherford and stated that General Clifton radioed by phone General Mock at 1730 hours that Pres. Kennedy will be taken directly to Bethesda Naval Hospital. (2) General Clifton has indicated that as of 1730 today no definitive plans have been made for the funeral.

16. At 1755 hours, Sgt. Humphrey called to say he was sitting at the Bethesda Naval Hospital Helicopter Pad. Advised he has to use car phone, and have Armed Forces Police escort with him.

17. At 1800, Major Rutherford received a call from Paul Miller stating that there is a possibility that the late President will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. If this is the case, John Metzler has selected three locations - (1) Dewey Circle, which Paul Miller thinks is the best; (2) before the Lee House which Chief Justice Holmes is buried, and (3) is close to where Dulles is buried. The schedule through Sunday 12/13/63 will not change; however, from this point on we will refer to the section in the Funeral Plan dealing with burials at Arlington National Cemetery. The remains will proceed to the Capitol by motorcade. They will depart the White House at 1300 and remain there Monday until 1200 hours. They will depart the Capitol at 1200 to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for funeral services.

18. At 1810 hours, received call from General Schultz who informed Major Rutherford that he should lay on surface transportation for General Eisenhower and General Schultz from MATS Terminal to the White House at 1030 hours, 23 November. Eisenhower will remain there at the White House approximately one hour and will motor to the Pentagon heliport for helicopter transportation back to Gettysburg farm. He will call back to us the tail number of the aircraft. Major Rutherford will call Colonel Smith. Maj. Rutherford called Capt. Vidrick in FOC directing him to provide limousine transp. for Gen. Eisenhower to the White House. Accomplished at 1835 hrs.

19. At 1820 hours, Colonel McGovern (phoned) SGS, DA to make certain that General Wehle is informed of what they are doing at DA, S GS.

a. A radio has been dispatched world-wide to all Army Installations.

(1) Announcing death of the President

(2) Flags will be at half-staff for a period of 30 days, effective immediately.

(3) Pertinent portions of AR 600-25 will apply as follows:

(a) On the day after receipt of notice of the death of the President, unless this day falls on Sunday or holiday in which case the honors will be rendered on the day following a Sunday Holiday, the commanding officers of all Army Installations equipped with necessary personnel and material, will require the following:

(1) One gun to be fired every 1/2 hour beginning at rellille and ending at retreat.

(2) All troops at Army Installations and Cadets of the United States Military Academy to be paraded at 1000 hours and the official order announcing the death to be read.

(b) On the day of the funeral a 21-gun salute will be fired at noon at all military installations equipped with the necessary personnel and material.

Colonel McGoverns reason for conveying this information was so that we would not duplicate.

20. At 1830 hours, Major Rutherford received call from General Schultz advising him of the tail number of the aircraft - N5152, Pilot: Spencer.

21. At 1840 hours, advised General Clifton's office that General Eisenhower would arrive as designated above. (Maj. Rutherford)

22. At 1850 hours, Major Rutherford advised the Chief, Air Traffic Controller, Washington National Airport, to direct General Eisenhower's aircraft to MATS Terminal upon its arrival.

23. At 1900 hours, Sgt. Humphrey, CG's Driver, checked into the office and advised that they were still at Bethesda.

24. At 1903, Major Rutherford contacted General Schultz to advise that transportation was laid on and that General Eisenhower would be met by an escort officer at Washington National Airport.

25. At 1910 hours, General Wheeler, Chief of Staff, called and wanted to talk with General Wehle.

26. At 1915 hours, General Wehle's driver and the Duty Officer at Bethesda were advised to notify General Wehle to call General Wheeler right away.

27. At 1925 hours, Sgt. Humphrey, CG's Driver, telephoned and advised that message had been delivered to General Wehle to call General Wheeler.

28. At 1930 hours, General Wehle called his office and talked with Major Turner, telling him the results of his call to General Wheeler. He talked with General Mock who said that General Clifton realized that the change at the airport fowled up plans a bit, but they were not p/ blaming MDW at all. General Wehle asked whether or not the Gawler would Brothers knew their plans, or what they were going to do. Mr. Metzler was contacted and said he would contact Gawlers & let us know.

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